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Title : Regarding need to allocate Rs. 1000 crore for infrastructural development in Bangalore City, Karnataka.

* SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): Sir, the Managing Director of Siemens Limited has decided to drop expansion plans in Bangalore due to crumbling infrastructure in the city. Bangalore is not attractive for investors any more because of the worsening infrastructure in the city according to the head of a global manufacturing giant.

There are about 12,000 employees in India out of which 4600 employees are in Bangalore. About 24 per cent of the turnover is from Bangalore. He has also said that he would look at cities such as Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Delhi, Pune and other cities to expand the company's [bru10]business.

Bangalore is in a mess. Road and power infrastructure is chaotic. Besides, hotel rooms are not available. The employees are spending more time on the road as a result of which efficiency will come down.

Hence, I urge upon the hon. Minister of Urban Development to allocate Rs.1000 crore for the infrastructure development, particularly for the construction of subways and over-bridges besides other facilities in Bangalore.

* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Kannada.